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**PATENT APPLICATION**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of

Docket No: A8698

Zhenlin LIU, et al.

Appln. No.: 10/813,163

Group Art Unit: 2828

Confirmation No.: 4479

Examiner: Hrayr A. SAYADIAN

Filed: March 31, 2004

For: MODULAR FIBER-BASED CHIRPED PULSE AMPLIFICATION SYSTEM

**RESPONSE TO ELECTION REQUIREMENT**

**MAIL STOP NON-FEE AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents

P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Election of Species Requirement entered by the Examiner on April 17, 2006, Applicants wish to respond by electing Species B. The claims readable on the elected species are claims 2-4, 6-9, 12-22 and 25. Claims 23, 24 and 26 – 36 are considered generic and should be examined together with the elected group

Applicants reserve the right to present divisional application(s) directed to other species at an appropriate time.

In view of the foregoing, prompt and favorable action on the merits is now respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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